

WAR WOULD TEAR AMERICA'S HEARTSTRINGS, WILSON TELLS CHEERING THROG AT ST. LOUIS

"Danger, However, Is Not From Within, but From Without," He Asserts

"If Great Issues Were Involved, Where It Was Necessary to Defend Ourselves, We Would Not Be at Peace"

There is No Politics in National Defense, the President Declares as He Closes Trip With Powerful Appeal for Preparedness

COLISEUM, St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 3.—In a stirring address today President Wilson told St. Louis that he intends the record of his Administration to be one of genuine neutrality and not pretended neutrality.

"It would tear the heartstrings of America to be at war with any of the great nations of the world," he said.

"The President again pointed out the dangers to be encountered in maintaining this country's trade."

"There are cargoes of wheat, flour and manufactures," he said, "all of which come into contact with the fires abroad—all combustible into which sparks from these fires may fall."

When the President and Mrs. Wilson entered the hall at 10:37 o'clock the great crowd rose to its feet and cheered them for two minutes.

"I came into the Middle West to find something and I found it," the President began. "I had been told that the middle West was not warm for national defense."

"The facts are very easily and briefly stated. America is at peace with all the world, and desires to remain so. It is not a show-down of armaments."

"It would tear the heartstrings of America to be at war with any of the great nations of the world."

"Great issues were involved, however, where it was necessary to defend ourselves, we would not be at peace."

"The heart of this country is sound, made up of the fundamental principles of humanity. It is not guided by the impulses of any man or group of men."

"No man can lead America where she is not ready to go. America does not desire to be led," he added and the crowd applauded.

"No man need preach peace among us, but we are disciples of peace already. But I am also a disciple of domestic peace."

CREWS OF SUBMARINE AND BRITISH SHIP IN BLOODY DECK BATTLE

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Survivors of the British steamship Woodfield, sunk by a submarine off the Moroccan coast, arrived here today with a story of a bloody fight with the U-boat's crew.

The submarine, one of the newest and speediest of the German undersea boats, overhauled the Woodfield's crew attacked the submariners as they clambered upon the deck and engaged them in a knife and pistol duel.

The hand-to-hand combat on the Woodfield's decks lasted for three hours. The steamship's crew, poorly armed, were finally overcome after eight sailors had been killed and 14 wounded.

Their troubles did not end when they reached land, they said. A party of bandit Moors noticed their approach and made them prisoners. They were released after the Woodfield Shipping Company, of London, the vessel's owners, paid ransom. The survivors were landed at Plymouth yesterday and reported to the company's office today.

SUN ECLIPSE PHOTOGRAPHED



This picture, taken by an EVENING LEDGER staff photographer, shows the sun, veiled by a feecy cloud, as it appeared to the camera at noon, when the shadow of the moon was beginning to pass off.

HOUSE ACTING IN PEACE MOVE, LONDON HEARS

British Assert Berlin Asked U. S. to Take Steps to End War

WILSON SENT ENVOY

President's Representative Has Seen Ministers and Leaders of Belligerents

LONDON, Feb. 3. Colonel E. M. House, special diplomatic agent of President Wilson, whose mission abroad, it is now generally understood, is one of peace, came to Europe at the express invitation of Germany.

This information was obtained here today by the International News Service from a very high source.

The suggestion that President Wilson send a personal envoy to the belligerent capitals to sound sentiment and secure, if possible, views upon which peace proposals might be based was made informally to Secretary of State Lansing by Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador to the United States, according to the informant.

There is no good reason to doubt that the German peace propaganda has been extended to the United States, for it is an open secret that peace emissaries of Germany have been active in several of the neutral countries of Europe during the last six months.

Count Bernstorff's suggestion that an envoy be sent abroad to look into the possibilities for peace was conveyed to President Wilson by Secretary Lansing.

The American President, seeing a possible chance for a service to humanity, decided to act, be the outcome what it might. Accordingly, Colonel E. M. House, the confidant for President Wilson, was summoned to the White House, and a long conference was held.

CONFERENCES ARRANGED. Colonel House accepted the mission and immediately the United States Embassies in London, Berlin and Paris were instructed with the task of arranging conferences with the various foreign ministers and other influential members of the Government.

It is believed that Colonel House did not see Ambassador von Bernstorff before his departure for Europe on December 28 last, but that all arrangements were made through Secretary Lansing.

After President Wilson had approved the suggestion of sending an envoy to Europe and Colonel House had accepted the mission, it was necessary for the German Ambassador to transmit private messages to the German Foreign Office announcing the success of his undertaking.

House had to do this without the knowledge of England, as Germany did not want to give the impression that she was taking any intemperate step toward peace, because she might be construed as weakness.

England, held the cables and was in position to intercept any wireless messages.

However, this problem was solved in a simple manner. Count von Bernstorff was given permission to use the private channels of the United States State Department and the information was thus transmitted to Doctor von Sierow, the German Foreign Minister, and a reply was received in the same manner.

Immediately afterwards the news was given out in Washington that Colonel House was going abroad on an "unofficial" mission.

QUICK NEWS

HEIR TO TURKISH THRONE ASSASSINATED, ITALY HEARS

ROME, Feb. 3.—The Messagero asserts that Prince Yussuff, heir to the Turkish throne, was assassinated as a result of a plot on the part of Enver Pasha and German leaders. It was reported that he had committed suicide.

REV. J. D. KILLIAN DIES IN HOSPITAL

The Rev. J. D. Killian, 58 years old, a retired clergyman, who made his home at the Nugent Home, 221 West Johnson street, died in the Germantown Hospital of pneumonia. Mr. Killian was injured by an automobile at Wayne avenue and Queen streets on January 27, and contracted pneumonia later.

CITY EXEMPT FROM COMPENSATION INSURANCE

The city of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore and the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad Companies were exempt from taking out insurance under the new workmen's compensation law today by the State Compensation Board now in session at Harrisburg.

SWISS ISSUE PREPAREDNESS ORDER

BERNE, Feb. 3.—The Swiss Government today ordered the immediate inspection of all citizens between the ages of 16 and 60 capable of bearing arms and advised all over 60 that they might present themselves voluntarily.

ORDERS were also issued that every resident, whether Swiss or foreign, possessing arms, must present them for inspection. No reason was given for the issuance of the order.

KING GEORGE SIGNS CONSCRIPTION BILL

LONDON, Feb. 3.—King George today signed the Government's conscription bill. The measure becomes effective on February 10.

LOSS OF BRITISH SHIP LAID TO PLOT

LONDON, Feb. 3.—A dispatch from Gibraltar announces that the British steamship Chaschill foundered in the Atlantic while bound from New York to Havre. The crew was rescued. Because of the fact that many British ships sailing from New York have suffered from fire or explosions it is believed in English maritime circles that the loss of the Chaschill was due to some enemy agency.

REPORT OF TURK PRINCE'S SUICIDE CONFIRMED

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville), Feb. 3.—Constantinople dispatches today confirmed the news that Prince Yussuff Izzeddin, heir apparent to the Turkish throne, committed suicide yesterday because he had been ill for some time. The Prince severed the arteries of his left arm in the Zinsirli Kuyu palace.

58 SHIPS SUNK BY U-BOATS IN MEDITERRANEAN

LONDON, Feb. 3.—German submarines have sunk 58 allied ships of an aggregate tonnage of 216,159 in the Mediterranean since the Balkan campaign began, according to the German newspaper Weserzeitung of Bremen. The Canard liner Transylvania, a troop ship of 14,000 tons, was the largest vessel on the list. Reports reached shipping circles several months ago of the sinking of the Transylvania, though the news was not confirmed at London.

BELGIAN "KU KLUX KLAN" TERRORIZES FOE

THE HAGUE, Feb. 3.—An official of the Belgian Government who escaped from Brussels and has arrived at The Hague is authority for the statement that the German officials in Belgium are showing great concern over the increasing activities of a Belgian secret organization which in its operations greatly resembles the Ku Klux Klan which came into existence in the United States after the Civil War.

This official also denied that Brussels was fined 500,000 marks last month by General von Bissing because Oels Derode was slain by shots from an unlicensed revolver. The offense charged, he said, was violation of German jurisdiction by a Belgian coroner's court which seized Derode's papers, examined them, and received the police report before the German authorities had opportunity to take charge of the case.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK IN FIGHT WITH U-BOAT

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The British steamship Woodfield fought a submarine in the Mediterranean for three hours and was sunk. Eight members of the crew were killed and 14 were wounded. Survivors of the crew have landed at Plymouth. Some of the Woodfield's crew landed on the African coast and were taken prisoners by the Moors. They were released when ransoms were paid.

GERMAN CHILDREN CELEBRATE ZEPPELIN RAID

GENEVA, Feb. 3.—Friedrichshafen, the site of the chief Zeppelin factory, is befogged and en fête, and the children of the town have been granted two holidays in celebration of the great raid on the fortress of Paris. Scores of congratulatory telegrams have reached Count Zeppelin at Stuttgart. The general cry in Friedrichshafen is "London next!" and the phrase is even chalked on the walls. A new and powerful Zeppelin is nearly ready for launching.

KAISER IN GOOD HEALTH; VISITS ALL FRONTS

BERLIN, Feb. 3.—Denying the report published in various quarters that the German Emperor had been treated by an American physician for a cancerous condition of the larynx, the Overseas News Agency characterizes it as "a malicious attempt to influence foreign public opinion falsely."

"The Emperor," it adds, "is traveling from one line of battle to another, as only a healthy man can do."

120,000 HOUSES WRECKED BY JAVA FLOODS

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Cable dispatches from Batavia report that floods are continuing in central Java. Thus far 120,000 native houses have been wrecked, a great number of cattle drowned and many miles of railway destroyed.

PHILADELPHIA COMMENDED AS IDEAL POWDER STORES SITE

Admiral Strauss Urges This City as Manufacturing Centre

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The present United States navy is not adequate to guarantee the protection of powder magazines along the coast, Admiral Strauss, chief of naval ordnance, told the Naval Affairs Committee of the House today. It is impracticable to put them far inland, however, as they must be near the navy yards.

The Philadelphia yard and the Indian Head naval reservation, a few miles beyond Washington, he described as ideal manufacturing and storing places for powder on account of their distance from the sea.

Fire Imperils \$6,000,000 Paper Plant

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Feb. 3.—With 10,000 cords of wood already destroyed and the flames beyond control, a fire which started yesterday at Grand Falls, threatened today to consume the \$6,000,000 paper manufacturing plant of the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company, controlled by the Harmsworths (Lord Northcliffe).

THE WEATHER

At last some real tangible weather! We had begun to fear that all the weather forecasts had been used up and that Philadelphia was doomed to continue its existence in a weatherless state. But now there is real evidence; it fringes the roofs, and decorates trees and fields in the suburbs, and clutters the sidewalks and street crossings. At last something real to kick about. If it's only slush, in this part of the world weather is taken slightly, as if it were not connected with the serious things of life, like money-making. It is not that way elsewhere. Some years ago when Canada had a business slump, there was an outcry all over that dominion when they put up the ice palace in Montreal. "Don't let 'em know it's so cold up here," cried the boosters. "Don't let on we've got weather up here till hurt business." But here we have no such bars in this temperate climate, where after all we have pretty fine days all the year round.

We like a little "weather," now and then, for a change.

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight and Friday; colder to-night, with lowest about 30 degrees; moderate westerly winds.

DU PONT'S ASK U. S. TO PROBE AIRSHIP VISITS TO PLANTS

9 LITTLE 'REBEL' SCHOOL CHILDREN SEE DR. GARBER

Powder Company Officials Visit Superintendent to Take Action After Appearance Monday

IDENTITY A MYSTERY BRAVE OFFICIAL POWER

By a Staff Correspondent WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 3.—An aeroplane, believed to be the same mysterious nocturnal prowler that has been reported flying over various places within the last month, today caused a thorough investigation to be begun by the officials of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company following an official report made today by Captain Albert J. Parsons, of the du Pont guard at Deepwater Point, N. J., that he saw the machine hovering over the powder plant at that place Monday night.

The Government will be asked to make an investigation, it was stated authoritatively. Heretofore reports of aeroplanes have been regarded more or less as coming from irresponsible sources, and it is regarded as significant that, after two days' investigation by the du Pont authorities, the officials of the company should take the matter in hand to trace the origin of the mysterious aircraft.

Captain Parsons, in his report made personally here today, described in detail how he saw the aeroplane. He was on guard at the Deepwater plant, which is opposite Newcastle, Del., on Monday night when about 8:30 o'clock he heard the whir of engines overhead. He saw outlined against the sky in red—the light reflection of the great fires of the powder works—an aeroplane, directly overhead. The machine was flying comparatively low over the plant, but

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HEAVY SNOW BLANKET COVERS CITY STREETS

3500 Men to Work Hard to Clear Principal Thoroughfares

Deep snow, the first heavy fall of the new year, fell early today after the rain and sleet of last night changed their mind.

The controversy between the ground-hog and the weather man on the subject of the weather during the next six weeks began today with a large score chalked up for the weather man. He predicted wintry weather in the face of the ground-hog's assertion that an early spring would begin today—and four inches of snow carpeted the ground this morning, the railroads reported, although in the suburbs the drifts were measured in feet instead of inches.

The snow that covered the city streets today was the first since the beginning of the season.

MOON CASTS SHADOW OVER HALF SUN'S FACE; GAZERS SLIP AND SLIDE

Afternoon Murkiness Only Noticeable Phenomenon Here and People Observe Thrift Day All the Same

ZONE OF TOTAL "NIGHT"

The eclipse of the sun today passed without a great deal of excitement on the part of the humans below it. They figured that on Thrift Day they had no time to be looking at something which couldn't do them any good. Occasionally one saw an interested gazer looking through a pair of smoked glasses, and more than one fell on the slippery sidewalk underneath, breaking both his interest and his glasses.

The eclipse made good its right. It arrived at 10:14 sharp, a little black speck on the lower left corner of the sun, and got larger and larger. At 12 minutes past 11 o'clock it had done its worst, and had shaded 48-100 of the sun, nearly all the lower half. Then it began to move away as gradually as it had grown, and by 12:32 it had gone. All its progress was from east to west.

The phenomenon, which is the first even partial eclipse of the sun since May 25, 1909, began, as viewed from other planets (if that be possible), with a little dark speck in the Pacific Ocean, southwest of Lower California. It immediately formed a murky pathway 300 miles wide and traveled across Mexico and the upper portion of South America and northeast across the Atlantic Ocean, disappearing again into space off the west coast of England.

Within these bounds there was a total eclipse, or actual night. Among those who enjoyed this experience are Mexican bandits, hidalgos, fishes in the West Indian waters and in the deep Atlantic and mariners and perhaps German submarine crews off England's shores. Philadelphia, which is north of the path of the eclipse, saw it from an angle.

OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN; MORAN TO BOX WILLARD, NEW REPORT

Bob McCracken, Rickard's Partner, Says Bout Will Be Held March 17

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—"Bob" McCracken, of the syndicate of McCracken & Rickard, today stated that he had signed up Jess Willard and Frank Moran to fight here on March 17. He said he secured the champion's consent over the long-distance telephone.

JUDGE'S WIFE SUES MERCHANT FOR AUTO INJURIES

Mrs. Minnie S. Rogers, wife of Judge Joseph P. Rogers, has brought suit to recover \$25,000 damages for injuries received last October, when her automobile was sideswiped by a machine driven by M. M. Bernard, a prominent merchant of Columbia. Bernard is accused of recklessly and carelessly operating his machine at a high rate of speed. The accident occurred on the Philadelphia Pike near Frazer. Judge Rogers said today that his wife was confined to her bed for 11 weeks after the accident.